STATEMENT OF FAITH

We Believe:

- The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and the Divine and final authority for Christian faith and life.
- In one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- That Jesus Christ is true God and true man having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where at the right hand of the Maiesty on High. He is now our High Priest and Advocate.
- That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.
- That man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is, therefore, lost and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.
- That the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and, thus become children of God.
- In the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord; of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.
- In the spiritual unity in Christ of all redeemed by His precious blood and the necessity of maintaining the purity of the church in doctrine and life.



AREAS OF MINISTRY



"Worldwide, there are more than 100 million children under 16 who have lost one or both parents...HIV/AIDS is the single largest factor in the dramatic increase in new orphans. By 2010, Africa alone is expected to have 42 million orphans, 20 million due to AIDS fatalities"

(Christianity Today, October, 2006, page 69).

In Zambia alone there are over one half million of these orphans and street children. God's word calls us to look after these little ones and to share with them the love of Christ (James 1:27). This is what the Roberts feel called to do. God had also given Brent and Kerri the desire to come alongside the Zambian Church to help it strengthen in ministry.

<u>Brent</u> will be involved with the street kids ministry in Lusaka (the capital of Zambia) - building relationships, sharing the gospel, and discipling street kids whom God calls to Himself. In addition, he will be using his experience and training in business to teach Zambians small business principles and perhaps working on community development projects.

Kerri plans to pursue ministry through music and discipleship of believers within the Zambian church, but her first commitment will be to mothering and home schooling their 3 children.

Brent and Kerri are very excited about how the Lord plans to work in and through them in ministry. Ultimately, their desire is to see the Lord Jesus Christ glorified and many to come to a saving knowledge of and an intimate relationship with Him.





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Zambia, Africa





Zambia Facts & Figures

Geography: Zambia is a landlocked country in southern Africa, with a tropical climate and consists mostly of high plateau with some hills and mountains. It is the 39th-largest country in the

world and is slightly larger than the US state of Texas.

Economy: Over 70 percent of Zambians live in poverty. Per capita incomes are at \$395 annually, and place the country among the world's poorest nations. Social indicators continue to decline, particularly in measurements of life expectancy at birth (about 37 years) and maternal mortality (729 per 100,000 pregnancies). The country's rate of economic growth cannot support rapid population growth or the strain which HIV/AIDS related issues place on government resources. Unemployment and underemployment are serious problems.

HIV/AIDS: This is the nation's greatest problem, with 17% prevalence among the adult population (a conservative number). HIV/AIDS will continue to ravage Zambian economic, political, cultural, and social development for the foreseeable future.

Demographics & People Groups: Zambia's population is comprised of about 72 Bantu-speaking ethnic groups but almost 90% of Zambians belong to the nine main ethnolinguistic groups, which are the Bemba, Nyanja-Chewa, Tonga, Tumbuka - spoken in the Eastern Province and eastern part Nothern Province, Lunda, Luvale, Kaonde, Nkoya and Lozi. Each ethnic group is concentrated in a particular geographic region of the country and many groups are very small and not as well known. Most Zambians are subsistence farmers. The predominant religion is Christianity which is also the official national religion.

Source: www.wikipedia.com

BRENT & KERRI ROBERTS MISSIONARIES TO ZAMBIA, AFRICA



Calling:

In the summer of 2004, God began a new work in the life of our family. As we prayed and sought His will, along with our family and trusted friends, we began to see that God was calling us into fulltime ministry - specifically in Zambia. In June of 2005, we took a survey trip to Zambia where we were able to experience the heart and vision of the ACTION Zambia team and to see the needs there first hand. Since

then God has continued to confirm His calling and to open doors for us to pursue a life of ministry.

Vision:

The church in Zambia has been described as "1 mile wide, but 1 inch deep." Many Zambians claim to be Christians but struggle to live out their faith on a day-today basis. There are many reasons for this, including lack of adequately trained church leadership, lack of Christian resources (including Bibles), and the number of children/young adults that make up most congregations (the average age of a Zambian is 16). The people of the Zambian church are in desperate need for mature believers to come along side them and help them grow in their relationships with God. We're committed to seeing the church in Zambia increase in number and grow to maturity. We believe that the church is God's vessel for proclaiming His glory to the world. Our desire is to evangelize and make disciples, as well as to encourage our brothers and sisters in Zambia to pursue deepening intimacy with Christ and to actively live out their faith.

"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold witness of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to His eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Ephesians 3:10-11

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